

MINUTES
WV RACING COMMISSION
Friday, May 18, 2012 10:00 A.M.
WV Lottery Conference Room

The WV Racing Commission met on May 18, 2012, at 10:00 AM to conduct business and consider administrative matters. Roll call was taken and present were Chairman Joe Smith, Commissioner Jack Rossi and with Commissioner Greg McDermott via conference call. Counsel was represented by Kelli Talbott and Anthony Eates.

Approval of April 13th Minutes

The Commissioners and both attorneys received the minutes from the April 13th, 2012 meetings prior to this meeting. Mr. McDermott moved to accept the minutes, Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. The Commissioners approved the April 13th, 2012 minutes by unanimous consent.

Update, Wheeling Island kennel compound repairs

Ms Horvath informed the Commission that the gates had been repaired, the plumbing improved and they continue working on the air conditioning for the kennels. She will continue to monitor and update, as requested.

Purse calculation issue, Charles Town Races

Upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the Commission deferred any decision until the next meeting. The HBPA's have been asked to provide more information on which purses should be increased and why, and the racetracks have been asked to provide their own responses, focusing on whether horse breakdowns have been associated with higher purses in claiming races.

Backstretch pension plan update, Jim Sturgeon, Esq.

Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Commission deferred any decision on the formulation of a new plan. It is requested that the discussion group put together a plan, followed by Mr. Amores' bringing it before the Treasurer's office and the Secretary of

Revenue, for their input. It is anticipated that the plan will be ready for review by the Commission in their July meeting.

Update, “old” 10-10-10 claims / WV Court of Claims

Mr. Amores stated there are 28 old claims that still need to be paid. After sending the proper paperwork to each of the claimants, they are each following through filing for reimbursement themselves through the Court of Claims.

Hearing Examiner’s recommended decision, John Luzzi

Upon motion by Mr. Rossi, seconded by Mr. McDermott, the Commission agreed to adopt Mr. Blaydes decision to revoke Mr. Luzzi’s permit.

Resolution, County Commission of Jefferson County

The resolution took note of the contributions the horsemen have made to the betterment of the County. Chairman Smith expressed his congratulations to the horsemen for their efforts, and appreciation to the County Commission for the recognition.

WVRC website going “live”

The WV Office of Technology with Mr. Carraher set up the new site: racing.wv.gov. Mr. Carraher will continue to put content on the site, and be responsible for any updates.

Recognition to Kelli Talbott

Chairman Smith announced the award given to Ms. Talbott from RCI for exemplary service to the industry. RCI acknowledged her for her commitment to the safety and integrity of racing.

Charles Town Races, monthly handle record

Mr. Amores spoke that Charles Town is continuing to be highly successful and increasing their handle monthly. Chairman Smith agreed with his accolades as well.

Accounting Tech III position

Following Executive Session, upon motion by Mr. McDermott, seconded by Mr. Rossi, the Commission approved the position, pending DOP approval.

Adjournment

The next Racing Commission meeting is set for June 22, 2012, at the Lottery building, at 10 AM.